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SUBJECT: UN CONFERENCE ON RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES AND
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND LAW OF THE
SEA CONFERENCE

1. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH SIR VINCENT EVENS, LEGAL ADVISER
OF THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, REGARDING
CONFERENCE ON RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES AND INTERNATIONAL
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ORGANIZATIONS, HE RAISED QUESTION WHETHER THAT CONFERENCE

LIKELY TO BE POSTPONED IN ORDER TO PERMIT EARLIER SESSION IN VIENNA OF LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE. EVANS SAID THAT IF THERE WAS MOVE TO POSTPONE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CONFERENCE IN FAVOR OF LAW OF THE SEA MEETING, BRITISH GOVERNMENT WOULD BE INCLINED TO SUPPORT THE POSTPONEMENT.

2. IN DISCUSSION OF PREPARATORY WORK FOR CONFERENCE ON RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, EVANS INDICATED THAT HE DID NOT THINK IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE COUNCIL OF EUROPE LEGAL GROUP SESSION BEFORE JANUARY, 1975, IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN ANY SUCH MEETING WOULD BE ATTENDING GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION IN NEW YORK UNTIL AT LEAST MIDDLE OF DECEMBER. DISCUSSION THEN TURNED TO POSSIBILITY OF HAVING DISCUSSION OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM HOST COUNTRIES IN NEW YORK DURING GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION. EVANS SAID HE WOULD BE IN NEW YORK DURING GREATER PART OF NOVEMBER ON BASIS HIS PRESENT PLANS AND WOULD BE HAPPY TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH A MEETING.

3. ON OVERALL ASPECTS OF SUBJECT MATTER OF CONFERENCE EVANS STATED THAT UK, AS HOST COUNTRY TO IMCO AND COMMODITY CONFERENCE HAD NOT ENCOUNTERED SAME PROBLEM AS US HAD AS HOST COUNTRY TO UN. PRACTICALLY NO SPECIAL MISSIONS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AS SUCH. IMCO AND COMMODITY CONFERENCE MATTERS ARE NORMALLY DEALT WITH BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS OR SPECIAL DELEGATION. HOWEVER, HE APPRECIATED DIFFICULTIES THAT US FACED AND WAS PREPARED TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH US SEEKING REASONABLE SOLUTIONS. HE AGREED WITH VIEW THAT MAJOR EFFECT OF ADOPTION OF DRAFT CONVENTION IN ITS PRESENT FORM WOULD BE TO SHIFT BALANCE IN BARGAINING POSITION TOWARD SENDING STATES AND COULD GIVE RISE TO REQUEST FOR RENEGOTIATION OF EXISTING HEADQUARTERS.
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